



1040 2nd Street, Suite 103  
Sturgis, SD 57785



*Main Street Arts Festival*

*June 25 - 26*

## Items of Interest

**City offices will be closed** on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day. Trash normally picked up on Monday will be picked up on Tuesday.

**High School Rodeo** June 10 - 12.

**Registration Deadline** for tennis and swimming lessons at the Sturgis Community Center June 17. Classes start June 20.

**Wild West Days PRCA Rodeo** June 17 - 19 at the Fairgrounds.

**Hot Crusin' Night Car Show** June 18.

**Black Hills Ultra Marathon** June 25 at Woodle Field.

**Main Street Arts Festival** June 25 - 26 on Main Street Sturgis.

**Double Play Flute/Tuba Concert** - Bach to the Beetles on June 28 at 2:00 p.m. at the Sturgis Community Center.

**Sturgis Liquor Grand Opening and Chamber Mixer** June 30 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



## Announcements and Meetings

**Forestry:** June 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the Sturgis Fire Hall.

**Sturgis City Council:** June 6 and 20 at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the Erskine Building.

**MUB:** June 8 at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall, Room A.

**Sturgis Arts Council:** June 9 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, Room A.

**Park Board:** June 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Morman Law office.

**Planning and Zoning:** June 14 and 28 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, Room B.

**Library Board:** June 29 at 4:00 p.m. at the Sturgis Library.

## Officials

### *Mayor*

Mark Carstensen 490-1044

### *Council Members*

#### *Ward One:*

Joe DesJarlais 347-7928

Kelly Vasknetz 490-0361

#### *Ward Two:*

David Hersrud 347-5061

Vacant

#### *Ward Three:*

Clint Brengle 720-0171

Jamie McVay 720-5780

#### *Ward Four:*

Tim Potts 720-4233

Dane Sundstrom 490-1172

### *City Manager*

Vacant



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## Sturgis To Host Variety Of Events in 2011

From art and music to rodeos, marathons and motorcycles, Sturgis is the place to be this summer.

The fun begins June 10 - 12 with the **High School Rodeo at the Sturgis Fairgrounds**. In addition to the activities at the Fairgrounds, a street dance will be held at the Loud American on June 10.

Rodeo action continues with the **Wild West Days PRCA Rodeo** June 17 - 19.

The Knuckle Saloon will be hosting the **Hot Crusin' Night Car Show** on Saturday, June 18, featuring a variety of classic and custom cars.



June 25 - 26 will be a busy weekend with the **Main Street Arts Festival** on Legendary Main Street and the **Bluegrass Festival** at Elk View Campground. Several performers from the Bluegrass Festival will perform at the Main Street Arts Festival on Saturday and Sunday.

Woodle Field will be the starting point for the **Black Hills 100 Ultra Marathon on June 25**. Competitors from around the United States will run from Sturgis to Pactola Lake. More information on this event can be found at [www.blackhills100.com](http://www.blackhills100.com).

Mark your calendar for the **Annual Fireworks Display on July 4** at the Sturgis Fairgrounds, sponsored by the Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department. Also on July 4, the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus will be entertaining children of all ages in the big top at Lynn's Dakotamart.



Saturday, July 9 will have two events: the **Annual BAM Celebration** from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. in Sturgis City Park and the **Second Annual Public**

**Safety Day** at the Community Center. Last year's event included displays and interactive demonstrations by area law enforcement, military, and emergency responders. Participants can interact with demolition experts, firemen, special response teams, and EMS crews to get a flavor of the skills and training needed to be an expert emergency services provider.

The **Ft. Meade Remount Endurance Ride** will take place on July 29 - 31 at the Ft. Meade Recreation area. Take a trip back in time at this historical event. Visit: [www.ftmeaderemount.com](http://www.ftmeaderemount.com) for more information.



The **71st Annual Motorcycle Rally** will be August 8 - 14. Watch for more information regarding events and street closures.

The **Black Hills Steam & Gas Threshing Bee** will be held August 19 - 21 at the Western Dakota Antique Club grounds located at Hwy 34 & Alkali Road.

The **Mustang Rally** will roll in on Labor Day weekend. Several hundred participants are expected to attend this year's event. For a full schedule of events, go to [www.sturgismustangrally.com](http://www.sturgismustangrally.com).



These are just some of the fun events being planned for Sturgis this summer. Some events will require street closures and will cause an increase in pedestrian activity. Please drive carefully in areas where special events are taking place.

For event updates and additional information, contact the Sturgis Chamber and Visitor's Bureau at 347-2556 or visit the Chamber website at: [www.sturgis-sd.org](http://www.sturgis-sd.org).

Council Update - Business License Requirements

On May 2, the City Council approved the second reading of ordinance 2011-02-Title 18, Business Licensing.

This ordinance requires all businesses within the City limits to obtain a Business License. There is no charge for the license if the business is considered permanent (operational for more than 5 months of the year). For businesses that do not meet permanent status (less than 5 months but more than three days), there is a \$25 fee that must be paid at the time of application.

The City Finance Office will oversee the license application process and will collect all applicable fees. Current business owners are asked to obtain their license before July 15, 2011. Licenses issued before July 15 of this year will be valid until December 31, 2012. Applications are available at the City Finance Office and on the City website under the Finance department tab.

This license excludes non-profits and sales by youth age 15 years and under who may be selling lemonade and like items from property where they reside.

The purpose of the Business License is to provide additional protection to the citizens and visitors of the City of Sturgis from fraud and misrepresentation; to ensure compliance with City ordinances; and to administer proper land use through quality planning and zoning in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan.

**This license does not apply to temporary vending during the Rally. Those licenses are governed separately by Title 31.02.03.**

All ordinances may be viewed on the City website at [www.sturgis-sd.gov](http://www.sturgis-sd.gov).

The City of Sturgis is currently accepting applications for community service grants. If your community service group would like to apply for funds to be issued in 2012, please fill out a grant application form and return it to the City Finance Office no later than June 15, 2011. Requests will be considered at the June 20 City Council meeting. Applications are available at City Hall or you may download the application by going to [www.sturgis-sd.gov](http://www.sturgis-sd.gov) click on the Government and City Sponsored Grants tab.

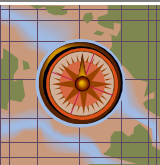
Employee Spotlight - Library

*Librarians Bring The World to Sturgis -*

The Sturgis Public Library is more than a place to check out books. It is also a place to hang out, participate in an educational program, and view gallery-quality art exhibits. Kids can sail the seven seas in the pirates' ship or explore the world through the internet.

Making all this happen are the Librarians, who are always there to help – from finding the latest best seller to helping with research for school projects. Librarians Cheryl Weisz, Charlie Nonhof, Leith Simonson and Mary Ann Simon, Director Julie Moore-Peterson, Assistant Director Marjorie DeJong, and part time Librarian Assistants Linda Lensegrav and Gavin Woltjer have more than 80 years of collective experience helping patrons.

Children's Librarian Kathy Dykstra is another familiar face to kids who stop in after school or come to enjoy Story Hour. Most recently, the staff has been busy helping patrons with the new Overdrive e-lending program. The Sturgis Public Library, like its wonderful employees, is a community gem.



Sturgis Library Kicks Off 2011 Summer Reading Program

Will you be in grades 7 - 12 during the 2011/2012 school year? If you answered yes, you can be part of the Library's Teen Summer Reading Program. The theme for this summer is 'YOU ARE HERE'.

Program participants will earn points for reading and attending programs at the Library from May 26 until July 15. Use the points you earn to win great prizes like books, MP3 players, gift cards, and more. Prizes will be given out at the Pizza Party on July 20.

The fun begins May 26 so register today at the Library.

Program Schedule:

- International Tea Party - May 26 @ 3:30
- Journaling Workshop - June 1 at 3:00
- Manga Mania - June 8 at 3:00
- Beaded Bracelets - June 15 at 3:00
- Treats from Around the World - June 29 at 3:00
- Artist Workshop - July 11 - 15 at 3:00
- Pizza Party & Prizes - July 20 at 3:30



Safety First - Call 811 Before You Dig

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission and the SD One Call Board remind residents to call 811 before digging to avoid damage to underground utilities. Hitting an underground electric, phone, gas or any other type of utility line can cause damage to the environment, serious personal injuries, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood and potentially incur fines and repair costs. Authorities advise do-it-yourselfers who plan projects to call 811 at least two days in advance to allow ample time for lines to be marked.

To learn more about safe digging and the laws, rules, and color codes used to mark underground utilities visit: [www.sdonecall.com](http://www.sdonecall.com).



South Dakota DOT Changing Traffic Flow On Lazelle During Rally

In an attempt to improve traffic flow during the Rally, the DOT is considering changes to the traffic flow on Lazelle Street.

The first change involves the center turning lane on Lazelle. The DOT would like to make the center lane an east bound driving lane from 8th Street east to Nellie Street. By making this change, the DOT hopes to increase the flow of east bound traffic to help with congestion along the Lazelle Street corridor.

The second change will involve the intersection of Junction and Lazelle. A new traffic pattern will change the current northbound left turn lane on Junction to a left turn and through lane. What is currently a through and right turn lane will be changed into a 'right turn only' lane for travelers going east on Lazelle. Since the majority of travelers northbound on Junction are wanting to travel east on Lazelle, the change should allow more traffic to flow through the intersection with less delays. This change may become permanent.

During the planning process, the DOT took into account data from numerous traffic flow studies and held several meetings with the City and County. They also took public comment during and after informational meetings that were held in recent months. Proposed changes will take effect well in advance of the Rally so drivers can become accustomed to the new traffic patterns.



The City of Sturgis is currently accepting applications for full-time and part-time employment. Visit the *Employment* page of the City website to see all the current job postings.

[www.sturgis-sd.gov](http://www.sturgis-sd.gov)

City Park News

The lighting project at the volley ball court is complete. Court lights can be activated until 10:00 p.m.

Park shelters are open for the season. Contact the Finance Office at 347-4422 for reservations.



Contact Information

City Hall 347-4422  
City Attorney 347-4422  
Code Enforcement 347-4424  
Community Development 347-4424  
Finance Office 347-4422  
Human Resources 347-4422  
Rally Department 720-0800  
1040 2nd Street

Community Center 347-6513  
5:00 - 9:00 Mon. - Fri.  
8:00 - 8:00 Sat.  
Noon - 8:00 Sun.  
1401 Lazelle Street

Fire & Ambulance 347-5801  
Emergency 911  
7:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.  
1901 Ballpark Road

Library 347-2624  
8:30 - 7:00 Mon. - Thu.  
8:30 - 5:00 Fri.  
8:30 - 4:00 Sat.  
1040 2nd Street

Liquor Store 347-5983  
8:00 - 10:00 Mon. - Sat.  
10:00 - 8:00 Sun.  
1075 Lazelle Street

Parks Department 347-9018  
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.  
1920 Ballpark Road  
Shelter Reservations call  
347-4422

Police Department 347-5070  
Emergency 911  
1400 Main Street

Public Works 347-3916  
7:00 - 4:00 Mon. - Fri.  
1057 Dudley Street  
Rubble Site  
8:00 - 5:00 Tue. - Fri.  
8:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00  
Mon. and Sat.

Water Department 347-4425  
8:00 - 4:45 Mon. - Fri.  
After Hour Emergency call  
Police Dispatch 347-2573  
1040 2nd Street